

NEWS FROM

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Delegation Supports Governor's Request and Asks White House for Eme

Washington, DC -

U.S. Senators Tim

"I was in the affected region immediately following the storm, and had the opportu

"I hope the president will respond swiftly to our delegation's request for much

Rep. Herseth said, "Families, businesses, producers and school systems were all

Full Letter to the President follows:

May 15, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush

President of the United States

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

As members of the South Dakota congressional delegation, we write to express our

The wet, heavy snow, high winds, and ice brought by this storm caused extensive

As Governor Rounds' disaster declaration request indicates, state and local officials

In light of these considerations, we respectfully request that you declare a major d

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter. Please do not

Sincerely,

Tim Johnson U.S. Senate

John Thune U.S. Senate

Stephanie Herseth U.S. House of Representatives

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